OLD ENGLAND:

OR,

The NATIONAL GAZETTE.

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THE following Letter so intimately concerns the Interests of Trade, I may say indeed the Interests of Justice, in Trade or out of it, that I cannot possibly avoid publishing it, in Preference to other Correspondents who (except in the Importance of the Subject) are in other Respects equally or perhaps more deserving our Distinction. I am perfectly unacquainted with the Writer of it, who appears to me more ingenuous than fortunate. The Misery Grievance which has been the Author of his Calamity deserves more powerful Attention, than I can give it. Were his Majesty, ever studious in his People's Welfare, properly apprized of it, his Recommendation to the Legislature might at once annihilate every Evil flowing from it. I refer the Reader to the Letter to know the Grievance complain'd of in it.

J. F.

To the AUTHOR.

SIR,

I AM a young Citizen in the Mercery Branch of Trade. — I have not been set up above Five Years, and tho', in going no farther than my Books, I shall appear to have been successful beyond Expectation; yet, when the true State of these bad Debts come to be enquired into, all my Success will instantly vanish, and I shall be found unfortunate in a degree of Disbelief.

Use any Expressions in the following Representation of my cruel Case, that may give undue Offence, I hope, Sir, you will correct them; for I have Redress, and not vain Clamour, is my Design, I would use Means best adapted to so desirable an End, and, tho' I complain, take care not to do it unreasonably: tho' this Redress, come when it will, can hardly extend to me.

I began with a pretty genteel Fortune, such a one as might have well assured a happy Increase. But it has been my hard Lot to have been plundered by a Succession of Harpies, who (to elude Justice) have one after another cowered under a Wing of *Protection*, which, by its extensive Shade and baleful Influence, destroys all other Protection; and renders the Laws of my Country in this Instance none at all to me.

This injurious *Protection*, Sir, (for sure I may well call injurious what has completely ruined me) gives the Liberty vested in foreign Ministers not only to secure their own Persons from legal Restraints, but as many others as they think fit, without Limitation or Controul. It is not for me to censure what has the Laws of Nations for it's Sanction: but I may without Offence observe, that Pity it is, and sure unhappy for me it is, this *Protection* has not Restriction, or rather Regulation, from the Laws of Police too.

Give me Leave, Sir, to run over the few Particulars of my Case: By this will be perceived the Manner of this Fraud. And, as I must not use real Names, however scandalous they may be, I will take the Liberty to represent the Characters that are to be exhibited, in emblematical ones.—— This I am persuaded you will not think impertinent, because of the Service it may be to Traders in general, by pointing out the Rock on which I have split, that they may if possible avoid it.

The very first Day of my opening Shop, a Gentleman, in a Chariot, did me the Honor of alighting at my Door. He desired to see Patterns of the most costly Velvets I had by me. He was obeyed, for several, and at last pitched upon one. He told me, as he perceived I was a young Shopkeeper, he would not discourage me by beating down the Price of my Goods too low; but that I must take care not to abuse his Generosity, as his last Mercer had done, because in such a case he should be obliged to seek another as he had then sought me. After telling me his Name & Place of Abode, he ordered his Velvet might be brought him next Morning, with some Patterns of some rich Silks for his Lady, and, repeating his Admonition, went away. I was so well pleased with this lucky Beginning, as I imagined it, as not to admit any Doubt concerning the good Character of a Man who seemed so much the Gentleman; and expected the next Morning to be justified for this Want of Suspicion, by seeing his House, Family, &c. The Event answered accordingly: He passed Muster in my unexperienced Judgement, I set him down a Man of Honour, & gave him Credit for Goods to the Value of 220 *l.* for the Use of himself and Family: he never (he said) paid oftener than once a Year, and that was a little before *Christmas*, and not after as was commonly the Custom. His Reason for this Particularity (he added) was, he believed the best Method of wishing his Tradesmen a *merry Christmas* was to enable them to keep it so. I had almost forgot to mention his Name 'Twas *Jerkin Hollowell*, Esq;

Not to trespass too much on your Time and Patience, let me tell you, Sir, in the fewest Words what a hopeful Customer Mr. *Hollowell* turned out. Before the Time of Payment came on, he quitted the Kingdom, and I heard nothing of him for Three Years. When he came back (which I discovered by Chance) I thought I had him sure: but when the Officer whom I had employ'd to arrest him, was about to take him into Custody, the generous and conscientious Mr. *Hollowell* told him, he could not in Conscience let him (the Officer) proceed in the Arrest without advising him of the Danger he was going to involve himself in; and thereupon shewed the Officer a *Protection* from his Excellency the ——— Minister.—The Consequence was the Loss to me of 220 *l.* and upwards.

The next Customer of this Stamp was Mr. *Falsine*. He had the Ingenuity to fleece me of a much larger Sum than even 'Squire *Hollowell* had done. I had the good Fortune (he was pleas'd to tell me) to engage the Distinction of a young Heiress with whom he was under Marriage-Articles, and who, preferring me to any other Mercer, designed to buy her Wedding Suit of me: "And (continued he) I have too great a Regard to any Choice my ——— (naming a young Lady, whose Person was unknown to me, but who had the Reputation of being a Fortune)— shall think fit to make, not to make her Choice mine too: You shall serve me upon the same Occasion, tho' I must acknowlege my last Mercer never used me otherwise than what might be expected from an honest Man: but, tho' I am not addicted to change, yet when my dear ——— finds herself complimented in it, the Case is quite altered." He added, this good Fortune of mine proceeded from a kind Recommendation I was obliged to the Lady ——— for, naming an honourable Lady whom I knew, but who was then just gone out of Town. Not to be tedious, Sir, I trusted, & no less than 480 *l.* The pretended Bride and Bridegroom were finely array'd, but at the Expence of a Pocket I little suspected: They lived for a while in some Splendor, and I would not be so importunate as to hurry in my Bill, expecting that in a proper Time it would be called for; but herein I found myself sadly mistaken. I might have expected 'till *Doomsday*: For, after several vain Attempts to get my Money by fair Means, and desiring not to be compelled to use Rigor, he very frankly told me, I might do my best, for *he was protected*. The Event accordingly prov'd so; and this too was the Fruit of my first Year.

Mr. *Counterfraud* now takes his Turn. He lived in good Repute in a Neighbourhood, of which he had been an Inhabitant some Years, and I had a Face-Acquaintance with him myself. This introduced him into my Books. His Manner of buying was almost as extraordinary as his Manner of paying.— He would haggle for a Penny, and seemed never so well satisfy'd as when he thought he bought cheap. This in general I knew was no bad Sign. It look'd as if the Buyer's Thoughts were all turned upon Payment. But I have since found (to my Cost) a Counterfeit may exert his Talents in this way as well as in any other. Thus did he buy: His Way of paying was by reading his *Protection*, to edify his poor ignorant Creditors. My Understanding (being not the most quick) could not be enlightened under 80 *l.* But this is no Jesting-Time for me.

The fourth *protected Sharper* set upon me about two Years after. I'll call him Mr. *Double*. He was for dealing largely as well as the two former: But Experience makes Fools wise. After my heavy Losses, I had made a Rule to trust no Man whose Honesty I had not first proved (let his Rank in Life be what it would) above 50 *l.* and that not without the strictest Scrutiny into Circumstances that I could with Decency make. This Rule did not exclude Mr. *Double*; and it cost me 50 *l.* to come at the Secret of his *Protection*.

To these I might add other Losses, of an inferior and different Nature, which however themselves would not have hurt me. They are the inseparable Attendants of Trade, and therefore expected and provided against: But this wholesale Piracy under *protected Colours* is surely a modern Practice, or else my Master (who had a large Fee for initiating me into the Knowlege of Business) was much wanting in his Duty not to caution me against it.

I shall, Sir, but take up a very little more of your Time; and that I hope not fruitlessly. Let me reckon the desperate Sums before mentioned in order, and see the Sum total:

To *Jerkin Hollowell*, Esq;	——	220
Mr. *Falsine*	——	480
Mr. *Counterfraud*	——	80
Mr. *Double*	——	50
		830
Besides Officers Fees, &c. which are moderately stated at	——	20
Loss total		£ 850

If you will please to observe the Circumstances of these Frauds, (I can call them no other) you will find they fell out in such an unlucky Manner, as not to give me a timely Caution to prevent the like again. The first Debt was near Four Years from it's Commencement, before I discover'd how it would be lost. This could not therefore admonish me against the two following Losses, which (with the other) happened in the intermediate Time. There seems to be a kind of Fatality in my Misfortunes; or at least I am apt to think so (contrary to the Precepts of my Education, which for my own Happiness my Parents took care should not be the most illiberal) because such an Opinion would the most effectually screen my Understanding, which I cannot reproach with being tardy on this Occasion, egregiously as I have been bubbled.

What is the Consequence of this Train of Fraud and Misfortune? Why, Sir, tho' bitter is the Reflection, I shall either take my Fate in the *Gazette*, or, if my Creditors will spare me that Disgrace, deliver up all into the Hands of private Trustees, to make them the best Compound possible!

For myself no matter what becomes of me. If this Review of my Hardships is of any Service to the trading Interest in general, it is the only Duty I had not performed before; and to whatever Extremities I may be reduced, the Consideration of this and a Consciousness of having deserved better Fortune will be Supports of which no Villainy can defraud me!

I am, Sir, your most unhappy humble Servant,

T. P.

Mr. J. H.'s Complaint is received; and 'tis put by this Week, in order to provoke him to write us another: Perhaps, if he is of Opinion a Farce (however ingenious) ought not to succeed a Tragedy at the Theatre, he will be the more apt to observe the same Opinion prevailing here, and look upon this as a better Cause of Omission.

LONDON.

At a General Court of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, held on Thurſday, it was agreed to lend the Government 1,400,000 l. at Three per Cent. to be paid out of the Sinking Fund.

Wedneſday being New Year's Day, there was a great Court at St. James's, when his Majeſty and the Royal Family received the Compliments of the Nobility, Foreign Miniſters, &c. on that Occaſion; but on Account of the Mourning, his Majeſty did not go to the Chapel Royal, as uſual, to offer the Byzant or Wedge of Gold; neither was the Ode for the New Year perfbrmed, as uſual.

Thurſday the Marquis de Mirepoix, the French Ambaſſador ſet out from his Houſe in Groſvenor-ſquare, for the Seat of the Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount Duncannon in Kent.

The Expreſs lately diſpatched to Denmark, on Account of the Death of the Queen, is returned to the Cockpit, Whitehall, with Diſpatches from that Court.

A few Days ſince was married at Lambeth, Mr. Paul Methuen, an eminent Wine Merchant, to Miſs Ringwood of Richmond, a very agreeable young Lady, poſſeſſed of a good Fortune.

Monday died Dr. Barrowby, junior, an eminent Phyſician; he was ſuddenly ſeized with a Palſy in his Limbs as he was going to dine on Sunday laſt at the King's Arms Tavern, Pall Mall: Juſt as the Chariot got to Charing Croſs he ordered the Coachman to make Haſte for he was very ill. On the Servant's opening the Chariot Door, he found his Maſter quite motionleſs; and when the Drawers were carrying him up Stairs, he asked them if his Face was ſwelled? and on their anſwering it was, he deſired he might not he bled for half an hour. He was no ſooner carried into a Room than he was ſtruck ſpeechleſs, and languiſhed in that Condition till One o'Clock next Morning, when he expired. He join'd with the Man of Science, the polite Companion, and the eaſy Friend, which renders his Memory dear to his Companions, and his Death deplorable. He was in very great Practice, and one of the Phyſicians of St. Bartholomew's Hoſpital; and we hear the Candidates to ſucceed him are Dr. Askew, and Dr. Paite. He was bled by Cæſar Hawkins, Eſq; his Majeſty's Surgeon, & attended by the moſt eminent of the Faculty, but to no Purpoſe.

Wedneſday died Capt. Matthias Allen formerly a Commander in the Levant Trade.

A few Days ſince died at her Lodgings in Chelſea Miſs Grignion, Daughter of —— Grignion, Eſq; of Cavendiſh ſquare; a young Heireſs, poſſeſſed of a great Fortune, which ſhe has left to a Couſin, now in the Univerſity.

The Abbe de la Caille, who was lately ſent at the French King's Expence to the Cape of Good Hope, to make Aſtronomical Obſervations for various Purpoſes, and, amongſt the reſt, for ſettling the true ſituation of that remarkable Promontory, which ſome have ſuppoſed to lie 17 Degrees 44 Minutes Eaſt from the Meridian of Paris, from the Obſervations of Peire Fontaney; and others, but 14 Degrees five Minutes, relying upon the famous Dr. Halley. The Abbe de la Caille, by repeated Trials, has determined it to be but 16 Degrees 14 Minutes Eaſt from Paris; ſo that it's Longitude is 46 Degrees 16 Minutes Eaſt, and its Lattitude 33 Degrees 55 Minutes South; which is made public for the Benefit of all Nations.

Wedneſday the Mathematical Boys of Chriſt's Hoſpital were, by Sir John Barnard, Knt. Preſident thereof, preſented to his Majeſty, the Lords of the Admiralty, Treaſury, &c. according to annual Cuſtom.

This Week ſeveral Waggon Loads of Wine have been brought to Town from Rocheſter, having been landed at that Port, to ſave the additional Duty of Forty ſhillings per Pipe.

Mr. Carrington one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers having ſubſcribed for a certain Number of Tickets in the late Lottery, ſold them all to ſix, ſome Days before the Drawing; amongſt thoſe he ſold one came up 10000 l. bought for Mr. Croſts of Briſtol; another 5000 l. and of the ſix he ſtood, one came up 500 l. another 100 l. and a third 50 l. Mrs. Carrington, his Wife, bought a ſingle Ticket for herſelf, which alſo came up 500 l.

M. le Cat, a famous French Surgeon, having obſerved that when a Cold Humour has fallen upou a great Bone, ſo as to produce a Caries, no other Method has been hitherto purſued than that of Amputation, he reſolved to try whether the Limb might not to preſerved by the Extirpation of the foul Bone; according being ſent for by one Charles le Hec, who had the great Bone of one of his Legs corroded by ſuch a Humour, from the Knee to the Ancle, he took it entirely out, and having carefully healed the Wound, Nature as he expected, has ſupported the Loſs in ſuch a Manner that the Man walks perfectly well, without Pain or any diſcoverable Lameneſs. Is this Paragraph to ridicule French Surgery or the Engliſh Credulity?

The Commiſſioners for building Weſtminſter-Bridge have contracted for the Ground on which the Drapers Alms-houſes ſtand, in order to open a Communication into Blackman-ſtreet, Southwark, which Alms-houſes are to be taken down and rebuilt ſomething higher in the Road.

Laſt Tueſday Night the Houſe of a reputable Tradeſman, in the Hay Market, was ſtripped of a great Quantity of valuable Things, by the following Piece of Villainy. The Tradeſman by ſome Means fell into Misfortunes, and an Execution was brought into the Houſe againſt his Goods; and by Compoſition a Time being granted him to pay this Debt, a Perſon was appointed by the Officer who brought the Execution, to remain in the Houſe, to prevent any Fraud of Houſhold Goods being carried off. This Fellow, behaved for ſome Days with great Civility, till he became acquainted with the Houſe ſo well as to know where any Thing worth carrying off was depoſited: In the Night-time, when the Family were retired to Reſt, he took an opportunity of opening a Cupboard, from whence he ſtole two ſets of Silver Tea ſpoons, as much China Ware as was conveniently to be carried, and various Kitchin Utenſils, all which he made off with undiſcovered.

Laſt Monday as ——— Martin, Eſq; of the Royal Navy, was coming in a Poſt Chaiſe from Coventry to London, he was attacked on Dunchurch Heath by a ſingle Highwayman well mounted on a grey Geld; but on the Poſt Boy acquainting Mr. Martin of the Fellow's Approach, he preſented a Blunderbuſs, which the Fellow perceiving, ſaid, D——n ye, you Dog, you ſhall have a Ball thro' your Head; but happily miſſing the Boy, the Ruffian rode off.

On Wedneſday in the Evening about Seven o'Clock a Woman was knock'd down by two Footpads near Devonſhire Houſe, Piccadilly; they robb'd her of what Money ſhe had, a Bunch of Keys, and the Key of her Apartment, and made off.

On Chriſtmas Day a Highwayman was taken near Marlborongh, charged with committing divers Robberies; and he has impeached an Accomplice, who is ſaid to be a Hackney Coachman in this town.

Thurſday Evening, juſt after Dark, a Silverſmith's Lad was defrauded of a ſmall Silver Waiter unfiniſh'd, by two Man, at the End of Milford-lane, oppoſite St. Clement's Church. One of them in an Apron, came up to the Boy, who was juſt came to the Buſineſs, and ask'd him how his Maſter could expect to have it done by the time limited, if he would not ſend it ſooner, and then telling the Boy they would do no more work for him in ſo great a Hurry, took it from him to ſave the Trouble of going any further.

Wedneſday a notorious Fellow was committed to the Gatehouſe, by Henry Fielding, Eſq; for ſtealing ſome Money out of a Till in a Public Houſe in Bowling Court: The Fellow, with two more, went into the Houſe, and called each for a Glaſs of Gin, he then demanded Change for Half a Crown; and while the Maid was getting it for him, he impudently put his Hand in the Till, and took eighteen Pence in Sixpences, and gave each of his Companions one, with which they immediately made off; and while he was endeavouring likewiſe to eſcape, ſome of the Cuſtomers followed him. He appeared to be an old Offender, for when the Conſtable carried him to the Gatehouſe, the Underkeeper ſeem'd well acquainted with his Face, and gave him the Irons, deſiring him to put them on himſelf, as it was not the firſt Time he had performed the ſame Office.

Sunday was committed to Newgate, by J. D. Birkhead, Eſq; one Joſeph Saunders, and Jane Richins, on a voluntary Confeſſion of the ſaid Joſeph Saunders, with feloniouſly taking ſix ſhillings from the Perſon of a Man unknown, and afterwards willfully murdering him on Smallbury Green, about two or three Years.

Our Correſpondent at Paris aſſures us, that the two Princes Xavier and Charles of Saxony, have been actually at Verſailles, and ſaw the fine Firework play'd off on the Dauphineſs's coming abroad; and that his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty has aſſigned them the Caſtle of la Moute for their Reſidence, during the Time of their Continuance in France, which ſome ſay will be three Weeks or more.

From Marſeilles they give us the following tragic ſtory, the Effect of a criminal Amour:

A Citizen of that Place, and of a Family of N. having in September laſt ſet out for his Baſtide, Country Houſe, as is cuſtomary at that Time of the Year, his Wife went along with him; but as he had previouſly made an Appointment with a Whore (as we ſhould always call it in plain Engliſh) the Preſence of a third Perſon, ſuch as his Wife, could not but be very troublefome. Wherefore he caſt about for an Expedient to get rid of her Company, and pretended to have great Occaſion for a certain Paper that was locked up in his Eſcrutore in Town, upon which ſhe offered to go and fetch it; but then he gave her to underſtand that if ſhe brought it the next Morning it would be Time enough. The Wife, however returned the ſame Day about Bed time, catched her Husband and his Miſtreſs together, and read him a Lecture ſuitable to the Occaſion after which they both went to reſt ſeemingly well reconciled. But in the middle of the Night the Husband ſuddenly jump'd out of Bed in a Rage, and ſnatching up a Knife that lay upon a Table, plung it three Times in the Boſom of his Spouſe, who inſtantly expired. After ſo execrable a Deed, he thought of nothing elſe than ſaving himſelf by ſpeedy Flight. The Parliament of Aix having been informed of the Fact, condemned the Murderer by Contumacy, to be broke alive on the Wheel, and that if he could not be apprehended, the Sentence ſhould be executed on his Effigy. The Family of the Criminal having hoped, by Means of powerful Interceſſors at Court, to obtain ſome Mitigation of the ſentence, ſolliciting at the ſame Time a Reſpite of the Execution on his Effigy, which the Parliament of Aix granted them: But as ſoon as the King was informed of the Affair, he ſent Orders to all his Miniſters abroad to ſpare no Pains nor Coſts to diſcover and apprehend the inhuman Monſter; ſince which he has been ſecured at Rome, and they are actually bringing him back to Aix, where he will receive the Puniſhment due to his Crime.

An Extract of a Letter from Amſterdam, dated December 31.

"The following are ſome Particulars, the Truth of which may be depended, relating to what lately happened to the Danes at Saffy and St. Croix, Africa: "After the Ambaſſador of Denmark had been arreſted, by Order of the Emperor of Morocco, and that his Papers had been ſeized upon, a Letter was found among them, whereby it appeared, that his Daniſh Majeſty had given Orders, that all the Land and Sea Forces which were embarked on the Squadron deſtined for Africa, ſhould obey the Orders which the Ambaſſador ſhould give them. Whereupon the African Prince no longer doubted but that the Danes had really form'd a Deſign of Invading his Territories; and this was what cauſed him to act as he has done, that is, to make this Ambaſſador and all the other Danes, who were on ſhore, Slaves, and to ſeize upon their Effects. The Sieur Rey, the Conſul of France, who had ſeemingly favoured the Danes, having perceiving the Storm to be riſing, betrayed the Ambaſſador, and addreſſed himſelf to the African Prince, acquainting him, that he had been deceived, for that he never imagined the Danes intended to build Fortifications. By this Means he has juſtified himſelf, at leaſt proviſionally; tho' it nevertheleſs thought, that his Fall is near at Hand."

The Aſaniſh, a Spaniſh Man of War, commanded by Commodore Steuart, has taken an Algerine of 50 Guns off Cape St. Vincent. There were two Algerine Veſſels in Company, but one eſcaped. She that was taken had 600 Men on board before the Engagement, and ſhe ſunk ſoon after ſhe was taken; but about 300 of the Crew were taken up by the Spaniſh Man of War. Among them is one Iſrael, who was firſt Lieutenant of the Algerine Ship; and, during the late War was Captain of an Engliſh Privateer. The moſt Part of the reſt of the Crew that were ſaved, were Scotch and Iriſh.

The Crew of the French ſhip, loſt a few Days ſince off the Iſle of Wight, were all ſaved, as was great Part of the Cargo between Decks; the Crew is ſince gone for France, but the Captain remains at the Iſle of Wight, to take Care of ſuch Part of the Cargo as can be ſaved; however, notwithſtanding the utmoſt Aſſiſtance, all in the hold will be loſt, which is valuable, beſides a conſiderable Quantity of Money.

To his Grace the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, &c.
The humble Petition of MARGARET WOFFINGTON, *Spinſter.*

MAY it pleaſe your Grace, with all Submiſſion,
I humbly offer my Petition;
Let others with as ſmall Pretenſions,
Teaze you for Places and for Penſions;
I ſcorn a Penſion, or a Place,
My whole Deſign's upon your Grace.
The Sum of my Petition's this,
I claim, my Lord, an annual Kiſs;
A Kiſs, by ſacred Cuſtom due
To me and to be pay'd by you;
But leſt you entertain a Doubt,
I'll make my Title clearly out.
It was, as near as I can fix,
The fourth of April, forty-ſix;
(With Joy I recollect the Day)
As I was dreſſing for the Play;
In ſtept your Grace, and at your back,
Appeared my truſty Guardian, * Mac;
A ſudden Tremor ſhook my Frame,
Lord, how my Colour went and came:
At length, to cut my ſtory ſhort,
You kiſs'd me, Sir, Heav'n bleſs you for't.
The Magic Touch, my Spirits drew
Up to my Lips and out they flew;
Such Pain and Pleaſure mix'd, I vow,
I felt all o'er, I don't know how.
The Secret, when your Grace withdrew,
Like Light'ning to the Green Room flew;
And plung'd the Women in the Spleen;
The Men received me for their Queen;
And from that Moment ſwore Allegiance,
Nay Rich himſelf was all Obedience.
Since that your Grace has never yet,
Refus'd to pay the annual Debt,
To prove this Facts, if you would have it,
Old Mac will make an Affidavit:
If Mac's rejected, as a Fibber,
I muſt appeal to Colly Cibber.
By good Advice I hither came,
To keep up my continual Claim;
The Duty's not confin'd to Place,
But ev'ry-where affects your Grace;
Which being Perſonal on you,
No Deputy, my Lord, can do.
But told! ſome ſay, his Situation
Deſerv'd, conſider his high Station.
On Station, or can Titles add
To Dorſet more than Dorſet had?
Manners void of native Grace,
Deſerve ſaint Honors from a Place;
His Greatneſs to himſelf he owes,
Nor borrows Luſture, but beſtows.
That's true, but ſtill you anſwer wide,
How can he lay his State aſide?
Then think betimes, can your weak Sight
Support that ſudden Burſt of Light!
Will you not ſicken as you gaze,
Nay happ'ly periſh in the Blaze?
Remember Semele, who dy'd
A fatal Victim to her Pride.
Glorious Example! How it fires me!
Burn, and the whole God inſpires me!
My Boſom is to Fear a Stranger,
The Prize is more, enhanc'd by Danger.
* Mac Swiney.

Thurſday it was reported, that a Ship from Jamaica to Boſton, ſpoke with Capt. Jaſper in his Majeſty's ſhip Prince Henry, having loſt all her Maſts and Anchors in the late Hurricane; ſhe was then under Jury Maſts with the People all well on board, and making the beſt of her Way back to Jamaica with a fair Wind.

Some private Letters from the Hague mention an Uneaſineſs in the People, on the ſcore of the propoſed Reduction of the Army, the poſtponing the Redemption of the Poſt Office Revenue once more, for ſix Months, and the Apprehenſion of ſeeing the Union for reſtoring Commerce, executed in the Auſtrian Low Countries, while it is under Conſideration there; but it is hoped ſome People will at laſt open their Eyes and amend their Pace.

His Catholick Majeſty ſeems at length determin'd to make an Expedition againſt the piratical States of Barbary, but principally againſt Algiers; being perſuaded this is the firſt neceſſary Step towards retrieving the Glory of the Caſtillian Flag, and the reſtoring the free Commerce of his Subjects; to which is attributed, thoſe military Preparations, & that naval Armament, which might otherwiſe have created various ſpeculations.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Worceſter, Dec. 26. Laſt Thurſday Night, about Nine o'Clock, as Mr. Cox, a Weaver at Kidderminſter, was returning home from Eveſham, he was ſtopt on the Road between this City and Ombersley, by two Men one on Horſeback, and the other on Foot, the latter of which catch'd hold of his Horſe's Bridle, preſented a long Piſtol to him and ordered him to diſmount, then clapped the Piſtol to Mr. Cox's Belly, the Fellow's Hand ſhaking prodigiouſly, all the while, and ſwore he ſhould be a dead Man if he did not immediately deliver; whereupon Mr. Cox gave him all his Money, which was then about 12 l. the Fellow however returned him Sixpence, bnt in lieu thereof took Mr. Cox's Great Coat and Whip, then his Horſe, and rode off with the other Fellow, who had ſcarce mov'd or ſpeak a Word the whole Time his Companion was on Buſineſs.——The Fellow on Foot ſeemed very young, of a middling Stature, and well dreſſed.—Mr. Cox found his Horſe next Morning near this City; and a Parcel that was fixed to the Saddle, containiug Money and Goods to the Value of 40s. which the Fellows had not opened.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Dec. 24. Friday laſt died at his Seat of Linplum in Eaſt Lothian, the Hon. Sir Robert Hay, Bart. who ſerved for many Years as Lieutenant Colonel of the Scots Greys, and behaved as a brave and gallant Officer. He is a Deſcendant of the Family of Tweedale, and 'tis ſaid has left his Eſtate to the preſent Marquis.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Florence, Dec 7. *O. S.* The Count de Richcourt, Preſident of our Council of Regency, has received an Expreſs from Vienna, with Advice, that the Convention which has been ſome Time negociating at Madrid, was ſigned by the reſpective Miniſters; that by this Convention the Empreſs Queen has for ever renounced her reverſionary Right to the Dutchies of Parma and Placentia; in Return for which, his Catholic Majeſty has given up his Pretenſions to the Allodial Effect's of Tuſcany; and that, in order to engage the King of Sardinia to accede to this Treaty, and renounce the Right which he has in Reverſion to Part of the Dutchy of Placentia, an Equivalent was to be given him on the ſide of the Milaneze.

BANKRUPTS.

Nicholas White, late of St. Paul, Shadwell, in the County of Middleſex, Apothecary.

John Coghill Knapp, late of London, Merchant.

Cottrell Hughes, late of Yarm in the County of York, Grocer.

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